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REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.323(a)

ATTN: Certificate of Corrections Branch
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a Certificate of Correction under 37 C.F.R. § 1.323(a) be entered in the above-identified patent. This request is being submitted to correct two errors in the issued patent referenced above, as set forth on the attached Certificate of Correction Form PTO/SB/44. The facts underlying this request are set forth below.

Applicants filed an amendment on 27 July 2009, copy of which is attached as Exhibit A.

Column 4, claim 4, line 19, kindly delete [[hear]] and replace with --heart--.

Column 4, claim 10, line 59, kindly delete [[S]] and replace with --1--.

Claims 4 and 10 should read as shown below:

4. A method of modeling a chamber of the heart in three-dimensions comprising:
 - collecting a set of points inside the heart, each point having coordinates in three dimensional space;
 - defining an interior direction and exterior direction for said raw data set; selecting a first point;
 - selecting at least two neighbor points from said data set that are close and more exterior than said first point, said first point and said two neighbor points forming selected data;
 - forming a polygon with said selected data;
 - repeating said selecting steps and said forming step forming a computed convex hull shape from said raw data set;
 - resampling said computed convex hull shape on a regular grid to generate an enlarged set of points;
 - smoothing said convex hull shape forming a mathematically differentiable shape approximating the physiologic shape of the heart chamber from said enlarged set of points.

The Applicants respectfully solicit the Commissioner to grant this request for a Certificate of Correction addressing the error noted herein.

10. The method of claim 1 wherein said collecting step is carried out over more than one cardiac cycle to create an average cardiac cycle creating a composite average of a series of heart beats.

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The Applicants respectfully solicit the Commissioner to grant this request for a Certificate of Correction addressing the errors noted herein.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.323, Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge Deposit Account No. 50-4385 (Attorney Docket No. 0G-040005US/65513.0243) for the Certificate of correction fee (\$100.00) as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.20(a). If there are any problems, please contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action of April 27, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION VIA EFS-WEB

I hereby certify that this paper is being transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office via the Office's electronic filing system EFS-Web addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the 27th day of July, 2009.

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Exhibit A

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the first paragraph of the specification starting with "Cross Reference to Related Applications . . ." and ending with "... now abandoned."

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of modeling a chamber of the heart in three-dimensions comprising:
 - collecting a set of points inside the heart, each point having coordinates in three-dimensional space, forming a raw data set;
 - defining an interior direction and exterior direction for said raw data set;
 - selecting a first point;
 - selecting at least two neighbor points from said data set that are close and more exterior than said first point, said first point and said two neighbor points forming selected data;
 - forming a polygon with said selected data;
 - repeating said selecting steps and said forming step[[s]] forming a convex hull shape thus estimating the boundary of the heart from said raw data set.
2. (Currently Amended) A method of modeling a chamber of the hear in three-dimensions comprising:
 - collecting a set of points inside the heart, each point having coordinates in three dimensional space;
 - defining an interior direction and exterior direction for said raw data set;
 - selecting a first point;
 - selecting at least two neighbor points from said data set that are close and more exterior than said first point, said first point and said two neighbor points forming selected data;
 - forming a polygon with said selected data;
 - repeating said selecting steps and said forming step[[s]] forming a computed convex hull shape from said raw data set;

resampling said computed convex hull shape on a regular grid to generate an enlarged set of points;

smoothing said convex hull shape forming a mathematically differentiable shape approximating the physiologic shape of the heart chamber from said enlarged set of points.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2 wherein said collecting step further includes collecting ~~collection process~~ collects points at a set of times synchronized with the cardiac rhythm cycle, such that said points have physical coordinates in space at a specific time in the cardiac cycle.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3 wherein said ~~computing process~~ calculates a step of repeating said selecting steps and said forming step forming a computed convex hull shape is taken at discrete intervals in time corresponding to various stages of the heart cycle, generating a plurality of several hull shapes.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4 further comprising the step of sequentially comparing ~~3 wherein said collection of several hull shapes are sequentially compared~~ to develop a measurement of cardiac wall position.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4 further comprising the step of sequentially comparing ~~wherein said collection of several hull shapes are sequentially compared~~ to develop a measurement of cardiac wall velocity.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4 further comprising the step of sequentially comparing ~~wherein said collection of several hull shapes are sequentially compared~~ to develop a measurement of cardiac wall acceleration.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3 wherein said collecting step ~~collection process~~ is carried out over more than one cardiac cycle to create an average cardiac cycle creating a composite average of a series of heart beats.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8 wherein the composite average is measured periodically for a patient over the course of a therapy or treatment regime.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said collecting step ~~collection process~~ is carried out over more than one cardiac cycle to create an average cardiac cycle creating a composite average of a series of heart beats.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10 wherein the composite average is measured periodically for a patient over the course of a therapy or treatment regime.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the *non-final* Office Action mailed April 27, 2009 in connection with the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

I. STATUS OF ACTION

Claims 1-8 and 10 have been amended. Accordingly, claims 1-11 remain under consideration in this application.

II. PRIORITY

Applicants hereby withdraw the claim of benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Amendment to the specification has been made reflecting the same.

III. REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicants respectfully overcome the rejection through appropriate amendment. No new matter has been added.

IV. INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS

Applicants, their attorneys and assignees acknowledge the obligations set forth under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 to disclose information in the manner prescribed by 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 – 1.98.

CONCLUSION

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested. Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the above, or if the Examiner feels that any issues may be expedited by a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 04-2223 for any fees that may be due in connection with this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 4, claim 4, line 19, kindly delete [[hear]] and replace with --heart--.

Column 4, claim 10, line 59, kindly delete [[5]] and replace with --1--.

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